# RUSSIA PLANS NEW CABINET; IN BATTLES ON ORDER NEARS THREE FRONTS

Committee Confer on Coalition Scheme

U. S. AIDS IN HARMONY HAIG EXTENDS GROUND



GENERAL MICHAEL ALEXIEFF His resignation as Commander-in-Chief of the Russian armies is rumered in Petrograd. General Alexieff's tenure dates from April 15, when he was named by the pro-visional Russian Government to chief command of its armies.

PETROGRAD, May 17. General Alexieff has resigned as Commander-in-Chief of the Russian armies, according to a rumor circulated here today. There is to be a military conference in this city shortly. It will be attended by the commanders of the various army groups and will be held for the purpose of considering the general military situation.

PETROGRAD, May 17. Russia appears today to have passed the crists of political stekness and to have started on the road to convalencence. Differences between the Duma Government and the Council of Workmon's and Soldiers' Denuties were melting away and the formation of a Cabinet which seems certain to command full support of all factions went

Today the executive county, so of the Council of Workmen's and So. sers' Deputies met with the Duma ministry. They asked that the ministry include in the asked that the ministry include reorganized cabinet three Social Demo-crais and three National Socialists—six out of twelve of the Cabinet posts.

Official denial of atarmist reports of conditions of a creby at Vladiyostok was seed today. It was asserted the army commandant there reported complete quiet and co-operation of all classes ever since

One thing which it seems has had great effect in stopping the internecene strife among factions here is the series of statements printed in newspapers from pron inent Americans urging complete democracy and unity of effort to oust autocratic Ger many. Today the statements of Hamilton Holt, New York editor, and a number of American Socialists that the United States does not seek and does not favor aggrandizement in the war were received with

DETAILS OF SITUATION

Few people outside of Russia will understand why there has been so much vacilation about a coalition Cabinet—why the soldiers and workmen's delegates first refused the Duma Ministry's proffer of such a plan; why they changed this refusal into acceptance on certain specified terms; why the Duma leaders rejected the specified terms and how it comes today that there is so much "jockeying" between the two factions for the reorganized Cab-An understanding of what the soldiers and workmen's council really amounts

As a matter of fact the workmen's and olders' deputies virtually occupy the Moldiers' deputies virtually occupy the place formerly held theoretically in Russian administrative affairs by the Duma. The deputies are representatives of the Russian people themselves.

When the revolution succeeded the Russian people spontaneously began to conder some way of taking advantage of the ons in co-operation and popular rule and the experience they had gained in the Zenutvo and other co-operative societies under the old autocratic rule. Such organ-lations as the Zemsivo many times saved Russia under the old regime by assuring proper food to troops at the front and enforing to balance distribution of food. Many of the present leaders of the Min-latry were prominent in these organiza-dons—having become prominent because they were originally chosen by the people.

PEOPLE ELECT DEPUTIES But with the revolution a success, the copie began electing delegates to meet in the Duma building to act as a sort of Zematyo organization to aid in govern-mental administration. Workmen all over Russia Russia met in barracks, trenches, work-shops, and peasants—including women—in all settlements to choose delegates. These hastened to Petrograd. Entirely hal, they nevertheless really consti

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## THE WEATHER

FORECAST For Philadelphia and vicinity-Fair beather and moderate temperatures tonight and Friday; gentle northerly winds.

LENGTH OF DAY Fises ... 4:43 a.m. Moon Fises . 2:17 a.m. wets ... 7:09 p.m. Moon souths . 8:38 a.m. DELAWARE RIVER TIDE CHANGES

water 5:13 a.m. Low water ... 5:40 p.m. water .10:38 a.m. High water .11:12 p.m. TEMPERATURE AT EACH HOUR 0 10 11 12 1 2 3 4 5 0 01 01 01 02 02

# **GREAT ARMIES**

Government and Council's Big Conflicts Raging on Western, Italian and Macedonian Fronts

French Again Crush Counter-Assaults Between Moulin and Laffaux

LONDON, May 17, All of the southern part of Palestine has been laid waste by the Turks, according to a Milan dispatch printed in the Daily Telegraph today. It is said that the Turks have evacuated that part of the Holy Land, laying it in ruins as they fell back. Taking a lesson from the Germans, the Turks destroyed the greater part of the city of Jaffa before retreating from it.

LONDON, May 17. The entire village of Bullecourt, on the Arras front, is in the hands of the British troops, the War Office announced today.

Three big buttles are under way in as nany theatres of war-On the western front the tremendous SOLDIER SHOT BY COMRADE

Patrick J. Crawford, 236 Berkley

street, Germantown (upper), mem-ber of Company A, First Regiment.

killed by Peter F. Devereaux (lower), a private in the same

company, while on guard duty at the Yardley, Pa., railroad bridge.

BRITAIN WILD

OVER COMING

OF U.S. SHIPS

Destroyer Flotilla Starts

Immediate Duty, Needing

No "Tuning Up"

BRUSH ON VOYAGE ACROSS

nander, "We're ready for immediate duty,"

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nouncing their presence.

upon arrival of the flotilla at Queenstown.

nieved the Admiralty desired to let the people of England know that the Americans were "in the thick of it" and, therefore, per-

nitted announcement showing the destroyer boat action

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IMMEDIATELY PUT OUT TO SEA After the formalities had ended and the

"They are certainly a fine body of men.

Judge Speeds Up Court Cases

parently enthusiastic for their task

What the outcome of the brush was the

LONDON, May 17.

ngagement betwee Lens and the Arconne forest still rages; in the Austro-Italian zone the Italians have opened their spring drive against the Austro-Hungarians, and violent fighting is in progress along the Isonzb River front; n Macedonia the Allies have opened an offensive, and in the region of Monastir the German allies are hard pressed.

Military critics, in discussing the gen eral military situation, dwell upon the fact that Germany and her allies are upon the defensive on all fronts.

During the last forty-eight hours the German ailies have been compelled to give ground in France, in Macedonia and on the Austro-Italian frontier.

#### MORE PROGRESS REPORTED BY HAIG AT BULLECOURT

LONDON, May 17.

More progress at Bullecourt was reported by Field Marshal Haig today. "There was fighting around Bullecourt again," he said. "We progressed further through the village and reached the west-

PARIS, May 17-1 the second sucressive night German treess threw violent attacking waves last night against French positions north of Moulin and Laffaux and were again repulsed, today's official state-ment declared. Another series of three German attack-

ing waves northeast of Bray-en-Laonnais was likewise checked, the War Office de-

The text of the official report follows In the course of the night the Germans reattacked in the region north of Moulin and Laffaux. All their efforts to re-take the ground gained by the French

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# "WAR TO FINISH," NOW TEUTON CRY

Chancellor's Speech Reveals Germany's Peace Feelers as Diplomatic Mask

HOLLWEG STANDS FIRM

COPENHAGEN, May 17.

Germany is no longer "playing possum"letting hints creep out through her censorship showing alleged popular waves for peace and seeking to lull her enemies into the belief she is weakening. On the contrary, it is war, uncompromisingly and bitterly, to the end. And Americans here see in this new development the necessity for throwing all America's weight immediately into the fray.

From this close ringside seat to the fight this opinion is universal among Americans and Allied citizens here on German Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg's speech. Copen-hagen is closest of all neutrals to the German side of the conflict and less subject

to outside influences. The Americans and Allies here regard Hollweg's speech as that of a leader victor-tous in a small-aized brush with antagonistic political elements. They hold be would never have made so uncompromisingly curt an address if he were not sure of his grip. They hold the Chancellor has flatly re-futed the flood of intimations from Ger-many's propaganda department that Germany is ready to quit. They hope Hollweg's unequivocal stand for continuation of the and what's more, their craft look just as war will cradicate that element in America fit." said the British commander as he

which has counseled for passive participation in the war in the hope that Germany is getting ready for a compromise.

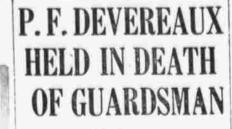
Well-informed officials here interpret the almost universal approval of Hollweg's speech as voiced in German newspapers as an indication that the Chancellor has survived the political crisis in his career. They are not by any means sure there ever was a serious political crisis threatening Hollweg's political head; that it may have been a very clever German propagands move to spread authenticated reports of internal dissensions. Unrest reports of internal dissensions. Unrest reports from Germany might be counted on to influence Russia as well as the United states. Russian Socialists have already apparently taken great stock in these German rumors of public unrest and have announced they are working for peace through a "revolution" in Germany.

It appeared today that Hollweg was as

tion" in Germany.
It appeared today that Hollweg was as
strong as ever, if not stronger, and that
he would retain his strength unless Germany's U-heat campaign fails or there is ofter stroke against the Central

Powers.

Popular optimism for victory in Germany has everwhelmed the radicals and
their disnatisfaction over failure of the
Government immediately to institute re-



Patrick J. Crawford Shot in Altereation by Fellow Private

VICTIM DRUNK. OFFICERS ASSERT

Teased Slayer While on Sentry Duty-Fires in Air With Fatal Result

TO BE COURT-MARTIALED

Three Tragic Deaths Caused by Guardsmen

MAY 6—Private of Company D, First Pennsylvania Infantry, doing sentry duty beneath Girard avenue bridge shot and killed Patrick Reavy, ixty years old, 1715 North Thirty third street. Lieutenant Colonel Millard D. Brown, of First Regiment withheld name of guard and refused to allow police to make arrest.

MAY 14-Private Oscar C. Moser, of Company D, First Pennsylvania Infantry, was accidentally shot by Corporal Carl F. Hines at the "high bridge" over Wissahickon drive. Moser died yesterday. Hines is in the First Regiment Armory, Broad and Callowhill streets, awaiting court martial. Rifle unlocked, contrary to orders

MAY 16 - Private Patrick J. Crawford, twenty-one years old, 236 Berkley street, Germantown, was shot and killed by Private Peter F. Deverenux while guarding the Yard-ley, Pa., vailroad bridge. Devereaux inder military arrest.

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Pull details were made known today of he discoting, which accurred yesterday oft smoon. Deversary is under proper at the First Regiment Amount and will be tried Knowing that American destroyers are colonel Millard D. Brown, commander of aday combing the seas alongside British the regionent in space of demands by the warships searching for submarines, the dead soldler father John J. Crawford, o erse announcement of the American com- 255 Berkley treet, Germantows, that he had surrendered to the excit muthorities

SECOND KHAING IN WHEN

That the American vessels arrived on this side ready for instant action and that guardsman by a controls within three days one of the destroyers has already had a ended a quarrel between Crawt brush with a submarine became known fol- Pevercaux, who lives at 2712 Oxford street lowing the first Admiralty matement anford and another soldier, who were off duty approached Develous and wanted his gur nouncing their presence.

The British Admiralty never discloses details of actions between its patrol vessels and submarines—unless there have been casualities to the British forces. The same plan presumably will cover whatever the Admiralty may have to say regarding American destroyers in action. In the preliminary announcement, however, it is believed the Admiralty desired to let the people of England know that the American were "in the thick of it" and, therefore, persently and the crumpled into a hear. Deversaux was arrested by order of Lieutenant Harry were "in the thick of it" and, therefore, persently and the crumpled into a hear. Deversaux was arrested by order of Lieutenant Harry Fryckberg, his commander, and taken to

Procedure, his commander, and taken to Trenton in the automobile that carried the wounded man to the Mercer Hospital. Crawford died into last right, after asserring that he had been shot while only "joshing" Devergans.

What the outcome of the brush was the Admiratty withheld.
Every British naval officer and seaman who has seen the American flotilla is open-voiced in admiration of the businessilke appearance of both ships and men. The destroyers had been "cleared for action" on the way over, stripped down to fighting trim and the personnel drilled to the DENT VICTIM WAS DRUNK "I was shot like a dog." he said to his te-morten statement. "I only threw behbles at Devereaux."
Emphatic denial was made by Crawford's trim and the personnel drilled to the London newspapers glowed in relating the incident of how British officers who bearded the American Gotilla commander's flagship to bid him welcome and to take tea with him learned that the American commander expected to begin duty the next morning. The British had appropriate expected days "tuping up" after

ily and friends that he was drunk. He was a total abstainer, they said. Last Tuesday Oscar C. Moser, of 2222

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# EMINENT MEN HONOR CHOATE AT FUNERAL

American commander expected to begind uty the next morning. The British had expected several days "tuning up" after the transatiantic run.

The equipment on board the desiroyers was found to be in excellent condition and remarkably well suited to the requirements on this side of the ocean. In fact, it was said by British officers that the only thing lacking in the equipment of the American sailors was heavier clothing. It appears that the Americans were wearing clothing too light for the varying conditions of weather thuy will encounter in these waters. This lack, however, was quickly provided Simple Services for Great Lawyer and Diplomat Attended by Leaders of Nation

NEW YORK, May 17. Funeral services for the late Joseph H. Cheate, world famous as diplomat and lawyer, were held today at St. Bartholomew American ships at once put out to sea, the men, from capitains to ordinary seamen, looking in the place of condition and approximate results for their results. Church. Among the throng which filled th edifice were some of the most distinguished men of the nation and of the foreign diplowas represented among the mourners. and the British commander as he watched the destroyers file seaward.

One of the American destroyers began war duty even before reaching this side of the Atlantic. This was when it picked

A vast sorrowing throng filled the street in front of the church and police reserves had to be called to preserve a passageway

for the coringe.

The Right Rev Charles H, Brent, Bishop of the Philippines, conducted the services. Among those present were two ex-Presidents of the United States—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt and William Howard Taft.—the French and British Ambassadors, Mayor Mitchel, the country's most important financiers, the presidents of many universities and delegations from prominent organizations. ganizations.

huge shield of red carmitions, sent by the American Red Cross of Washington, was one of the most impressive of the floral

The services were brief and following them the body was taken to Grand Central Staffon where a special train bore it to Stockbridge, Mass. for interment.

Asks Volunteers for Draft Registrars

# QUICK NEWS

U. S. HAS NO INDEMNITY PACT WITH ALLIES

WASHINGTON, May 17 .- There exists no agreement between the United States Government and the Entente Alites concerning demands for annexations and indomnities at the close of the war. This was made emphatic by State Department officials today. The question was not even discussed informally with the British and French missions, it was stated,

REVENUE BILL IS SHY \$445,000,000

WASHINGTON, May 17 - Four hundred and forty-five million dollars additional must be added to the \$1,500,000,000 revenue bill now before the House, Cheirman Kitchin of the Ways and Means Committee today told the House.

# GUARD OFFICER KILLED BY POISON



Licutement William F. Corcoran, of 5533 Vine street, died as the result of enting poisoned feed at a militia camp in Port Perry, Allegheny County. Several other guardsmen from this city also were made ill and narrowly escaped death.

## WRECKAGE INDICATES LOSS OF SHIP

AN AMERICAN FORT, May 17. The steamship Jelling, from Manila, reported exact nature of the poison. It was intimated AN AMERICAN PORT, May 17.—The steamship Jeiling, from Martia, reported that a preliminary investigation developed sighting a mass of weekage about thirty-flyror miles off the American coast, indieating that a vessel had been lost at that point.

# SEVERE EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS FELT IN ITALY

ROME. May 17. Earthquakes continue in central Italy and on the Riviera. News was received here today that severe shocks were felt in Terni and Sestri Levante teast of Genom during the night-

ROME, May 17. The Affied economic conference to consider trade problems after the war opened here today. It was said a commercial entente would be

ALLIED ECONOMIC CONFERENCE OPENS AT ROME

#### BERLIN SOCIALISTS PARADE; HOSTILE TO HOLLWEG AMSTERDAM, May 17 -A socialistic demonstration took place in Berlin last

night, says a dispatch from the German capital today. Speeches were made and the persons taking part in the manifestation marched through the streets. Hostility was expressed against 1c. von Bethmann-Hollweg, the Chancellor.

#### U-BOAT SINKINGS OFF SPAIN DRAW FRENCH PROTEST MADRID, May 17 .- The French Government has sent a note to Spain protest-

ing vigorously against the frequent attacks upon French ships in Spanish waters The French Government takes the view that Spain should prevent German submarines from entering her territorial waters.

#### ENGLISH ARMS STRIKE SPREADS TO NOTTINGHAM LONDON, May 15 - Although many of the striking monition workers in the

Manchester district have returned to work, the strike has spread to Nottingham. where a number of ruen have gone out. The Daily Express in commenting upon the general industrial carest may it is obvious that an organized plan exists to hinder the output of war materials. However, says this paper, the conspiracy has no chance of success. The agliators have recently approached the Chatham dock workers, it was said.

#### 7000 MEXICAN MINE LABORERS STRIKE MENICO CITY, May 17.—The labor situation in the mining districts, which

was already grave, was made more alarming today by the strike of 7000 laborers matic corps. Nearly every walk of life in the Pachuca district. The men are demanding a wage increase of 50 per cent.

## FAMOUS BRIDGEWATER LIBRARY SOLD

LONDON, May 17.—The famous Bridgewater Library, which was started by Lord Ellesmere, Chancellor during Elizabeth's reign, has been sold. The Times intimated today that the purchaser is an American. The library included more than 4000 rare books, 200 manuscripts and 10,000 other documents.

## WEEKLY STATEMENT OF CITY TREASURER

According to the report of City Treasurer McCoach, the amount paid in during the week ending last night was \$607,840.72 and the payments for the same period totaled \$1.062,816.41. This, with the balance on hand from last week, not including the kinking fund account, leaves a balance of \$17,141,050.21.

## ARGENTINA RE-ESTABLISHES WHEAT EXPORT BAN

BUENOS AIRES, May 17.-The Argentina Government's embargo on exportation of wheat has been re-established. It had been lifted for a brief spell as a result of the vigorous protests of Great Britain, backed by the United States.

## AMERICAN RED CROSS HOSPITAL IN FRANCE OPENED

CARLISLE. Pa., May 17.—Judge Sadier served notice in court here that only delay of attorneys will hold up trial of cases in the local courts, the "slowness of justice" argument to be henceforth a dead letter in this county. This was made following the assposition of eighteen important cases in disposition of eighteen important cases in will be held on the data.

Asks Volunteers for Drait Registrats applications for the position of registrars applications for PARIS, May 17 .- The American Red Cross Hospital, established by Dr. Joseph Blake, of New York, has been opened and a number of wounded were received today from the Aisne River fighting front. Elaborate dedication services were

# **GUARD OFFICER** POISON VICTIM; THIRTEEN SICK

Lieutenant Corcoran, of Philadelphia, Dead in Pittsburgh

SOLDIERS TAKEN ILL AFTER MEAL IN CAFE

Proprietor, Believed to Be Pro-German, Guarded as Probe Starts

BODY WILL BE EXAMINED

Fatal Dose Believed to Have Been Administered in Milk or Pudding

One Philadelphian, a licutenaut of Com-pany C, Third Infantry, N. G. P., is dead and thirteen members of the company are in hospitals in and near Pittsburgh as result

hospitals in and near Pittsburgh as result of a mysterious poisoning.

The men became ill in camp at Port Perry, near Pittsburgh, following a meal at a restaurant near the camp. Carl Miller, the restaurant keeper, believed to be a German sympathizer, is under military guard. Commanding officers of the company are conducting a rigid investigation.

Lieutenant William F. Corcoran, twenty-seven years old, who lived with his mother, Mrs. Mary Corcoran, at 5533 Vine street, is the dead man. Other Philadelphians who are in the hospital in serious condition

HARRY WALWARTH, corporal, 1222 Cad-EDWARD BOYLE 1914 North Cronkey JOHN KIDSON, Fourth street and Snyder JOHN BRENTINGER, Twenty-seventh and

BENJAMIN KNIGHT, 424 South Carlisle ARTHUR MCCORMICK, 1222 South Twelfth street GEORGE MCCUTCHER, 327 South Bam-

brey street.

M. GRATZ, believed to be a Philadelphian, address inknown.

The poisoning happened yesterday at the moon meal. News of it was suppressed for some time. Correct news of the affair did not reach Philadelphia until today.

Lieutenant Corroran was the first man to

complain of illness. In a short time sev-DOCTORS RUSH TO CAMP

Hurry calls for help were sent to Pittsburgh and doctors with stomach pumps were rushed to the camp. After the men were removed to the hospital an investiga-tion began immediately. Carl Miller, pro-prietor of the restaurant, at which the dinner was served to the guardsmen yesterday, was placed under military guard. Com-manding officers of the regiment are con-

manding officers of the regiment are con-ducting an investigation.

Doctor Schildecker, Fittsburgh city physi-cian, examined the body of Lieutenant Cer-coran after it had been removed to the morgue. He said death had been caused by poisoning, but was unable to state the nature of the poisonous agent. A toxicolog-ical examination of the body of Lieutenant Corcoran is under way to determine the exact nature of the poison. It was intimated pudding. a

GUARDSMAN ELEVEN YEARS Lieutenant Corcoran had been in the National Guard eleven years. While with the Third Regiment on the Mexican border last year he was promoted from first sergeant of Company C to second lieutenant. He was employed as a brakeman on the Penn-sylvania Raliroad. Mrs. Corcoran has not yet been officially notified of her son's

Officials said they were convinced that the poisoning was the direct result of a plot. The ptomaine poisoning theory was scouted.

A marked similarity of symptoms displayed by the victims of this polson epidemic to those of the victims of the Bishop Mundelein banquet in Chicaro, February 10, 1916, coupled with the fact Pebruary 10, 1916, coupled with the fadt that Jean Crones, suspected poisoner of the Bishop's guests, is believed to have been in Fittsburgh, led to the suspicion that he may have had a part in the plot. Officials refused to discuss this phase of the situation, and immediately following the poisoning a strict censorship was im-posed by the military authorities. This

censorship has prevented details from be-corning public, although it is believed that three other members of the company are dead, or are at the point of death, and that

# PICTURE POSTCARD MAY STOP WEDDING

Father Writes From Reading, Asking That No License Be Issued to Daughter

In an attempt to prevent the marriage of his sixteen-year-old daughter, William M. Dreibelbis, of Reading, Pa., appealed to Clerk Ferguson, of the local marriage license bureau, this morning.

"I do not approve of my daughter Mabel's intention to get married," was the message contained on a postal card received by Fer-

On the postcard was a description of the girl and this order: "To whom it may concern: This is to notify you that you are not to issue a marriage license to Mabel A. Dreibeibis without my written consent properly attented, prior to the 5th day of January 1920." uary, 1920. The anxious father has sent a similar ap-

# \$15,000 FOR ORCHESTRA

Friends of the Philadelphia Orchestian nouncement that an anonymous support of the society had offered to contrib. \$15,000, if an additional \$100,000 is rall by July 1. This offer was duplicated

Miss Anne Thompson.

The board of directors announced at the annual meeting yesterday that sufficient money had been contributed by members of the orchestra society to meet these terms. It was announced further that the and ment fund of the association new annuals to \$145,490 on money and picings.